

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

January 2013 – Week 5

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TITLE: LISTEN TO THE MOCKINGBIRD

JANUARY 1927 AND TEXAS GETS ITS WINGS.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

JANUARY 31, 1927. AUSTIN. AT THE FORTIETH LEGISLATURE, CONTROVERSY IS BREWING. TEXAS NEEDS A STATE BIRD. SOME WANT THE CARDINAL OR EVEN THE TURKEY. BUT AT THE REQUEST OF THE TEXAS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, SEN. JOE MOORE INTRODUCES A BILL TO CHOOSE THE MOCKINGBIRD.

WITH A DISTINCTIVE SONG AND FEISTY TEMPER, THE MOCKINGBIRD IS SAID TO DIE IN DEFENSE OF HIS HOME – LIKE ANY TRUE TEXAN.

BUT THE BIRD IS ALSO A POPULAR HOUSE PET, AND SOME BALK AT HAVING TO SET IT FREE.

YET TODAY, THE BILL PASSES AND THE LIVELY LITTLE SONGBIRD BECOMES A TEXAS ICON.

THE MOCKINGBIRD WAS VOTED STATE BIRD 86 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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